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L.I: Compare the viewpoint of authors on the same topic.

In this essay I am going to be writing in support of killing cane toads. I have read many articles and newspaper reports which has persuaded me to come to the conclusion that these animals are venomous villains that have to be eradicated. I will also be considering those arguments in defence of these creatures, however my main viewpoint is against these poisonous, putrid pests.

From my research into scanning news reports of cane toads, it is transparent to me that these deadly devils are destroying the native species of Australia. For them to be put to a halt they must be killed. Eventhough this may sound harsh and every living thing has a right to live, it is essential that these damaging, dangerous, destructive demons should die!

Cane toads are, "...big ugly creatures...", (Mercer, 2006) which are covered with warts and poisonous skin. They were brought into Australia in 1935 to eat the population of cane beetles and protect sugar cane plantations. Unfortunately, this method didn't go to plan because the cane toad colony rapidly expanded which demolished most native Australian animals.

Why do they need to be eradicated? "We go to great lengths to protect the environment from human impact and then the toads come through and knock out thousands of varieties of native wildlife," said Robert Capon, a professor at the university of Queensland, (Johnathan Pearlman, 2012) Moreover, "...there are no natural predators which can kill them off." (BBC News, 2012) Therefore they are hard to kill. This claim is further supported by Queensland politician Shane kruth who exclaims that, "They're one of

the most destructive creatures and the most disgusting creatures and one thing they're doing is they're killing our native wildlife and they're taking over our habitat." (BBC News, 2012)

Despite this, some people have more favourable opinions of cane toads, such as Sara Phillips who states, "Poisonous cane toads kill untold native animals but does that give humans the right to kill them?" (Phillips, 2011)

Furthermore people think it's cruel to hurt anything, especially, Nick Squires, "We accept that cane toads are a menace and they need to be eradicated. However, hitting them with golf clubs is inhumane and ineffective." (Squires, 2007)

It was noticeable to observe from the difficulty of finding any information supporting cane toads that they are not well liked. This has led me to concluding that cane toads are vile and venomous creatures. In conclusion I believe no matter how gruesome it would be to kill them, in this circumstance it would be necessary.

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